

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following paragraphs between the title of the invention and the section heading "Field of the Invention," found on page 1 of the above-identified application:

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Please replace the paragraph at page 12, lines 3-8 with the following amended paragraph:

As high hydrostatic pressure can be used to assist or cause the lysis of cells in a sample, according to certain preferred embodiments of the present invention, a cell lysate suitable for the methods of the present invention ~~[[is]]~~ may be produced without the use of harsh lysis solutions. One advantage of the present invention, therefore, is in reducing the need for subsequent desalting and/or purification steps to remove such solutions. Preparation of native protein is thereby substantially simplified.

Please replace the paragraph at page 21, lines 17-21 with the following amended paragraph:

In contrast to the samples held at ambient pressure, the sample subjected to high hydrostatic pressure is composed primarily of trimers, dimers and monomers. Following the release of pressure, the amount of monomer and ~~dimmer~~ dimer present in the pressure treated samples decreases with increasing time. The amount of trimer increases over time, with relatively little formation of aggregates.